

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF	)	
KENTUCKY, INC. FOR PERMISSION TO	)	CASE NO.
DISCONTINUE SERVICE TO THE AUXIER	)	91-235
ROAD GAS COMPANY	)	

O R D E R

This case was initiated by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia Gas") by an application to discontinue gas service to Auxier Road Gas Company ("Auxier Road"). Gas service has been provided to Auxier Road pursuant to a sales agreement entered into November 1, 1970 for a term of 20 years renewable each year thereafter unless cancelled by either party giving written notice to the other no later than March 1 to become effective on November 1 of such year. Columbia Gas's petition was date-stamped received July 10, 1991 and the Certificate of Service reflects that Auxier Road was served with a copy of the application. The Commission records reflect, however, that Auxier has filed no formal response to Columbia Gas's application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Columbia Gas shall file an original and 10 copies of its response to Questions 1 through 3 with the Commission, with a copy to all parties of record no later than 15 days from the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Auxier Road shall file an original and 10 copies of its response to Questions 4 and 5 with the

Commission, with a copy to all parties of record no later than 15 days from the date of this Order. If the information cannot be provided by this date, either party may submit a motion for an extension of time stating the reason a delay is necessary and include a date by which it will be furnished. Such motion will be considered by the Commission. The parties shall furnish with each response the name of the witness who will be available at a public hearing for responding to questions concerning each item of information requested should a public hearing be held.

1. Columbia Gas stated that Auxier Road's intended sources of supply are Columbia Gas Transmission and Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company. Is it your contention that any utility either served or proposing to be served by either of these pipeline companies should be required to support the adequacy of these supplies? Is Columbia Gas concerned that its own security of supply is inadequate or should be subject to scrutiny?

2. Why does Columbia Gas feel it needs the Commission's permission to carry out the terms of an undisputed sales agreement that was executed pursuant to an approved tariff?

3. Is Columbia Gas proposing to aid the Commission in ensuring adequate gas supply to all IUS end-users currently served by it who potentially will be without Columbia Gas volumes in the future? What is its position regarding the "public interest" as it concerns the customers of Justiceville Gas Company?

4. The information provided by Auxier Road to the Commission shows that Auxier Road currently purchases about 55 percent of its natural gas supply from Columbia Gas. In case of

termination of service with Columbia Gas, list the names of the new natural gas suppliers who will provide Auxier Road with a volume of natural gas equivalent to that currently provided by Columbia Gas.

5. Provide any provisional or final contracts or agreements between the new natural gas suppliers and Auxier Road. Emphasis should be on firm contract volumes that will be provided by each supplier.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of September, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
For the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director